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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO.168 (STARRED)

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QUESTION.

Will the Hon'ble ~~the~~ Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state:-

(a) at what state is the Nationalisation of Transport in the Madras City;

(a) The scheme approved by the Govt. for the nationalisation of the passenger bus services in Madras City provides for 300 buses, of which 40 will be spare buses for use in emergencies. Of the 260 route buses, 144 have so far been put on the road. Additional buses will be run as and when new vehicles for which orders have been placed become available.

(b) When the Government intend to introduce nationalisation in other areas;

(b) Government have decided to take over all the passenger bus services in the mufussal (Excepting the ghat routes and town services) within a period of 5 years commending from 1948-49. In the first year about ten important districts will be selected for nationalisation and only 20% of the total number of permits in those districts will be taken over by Government in that year. In the second year a further 20% of the permits in each of the above districts will be taken over and the ~~above~~ scheme extended to a certain number of fresh districts. In each of the fresh districts where the scheme is so extended, 40% of the permits will be taken over to make up for the permits not taken over in the first year. The process will be continued till all the districts are covered and the nationalisation completed in a period of five years.

As regards the ghat routes between Madura and Kodaikanal and Coimbatore and Ootacamund, and the town services of Madura and Coimbatore, the Government intend to introduce the scheme of nationalisation after March, 1948.

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(c) when the detailed scheme of nationalisation with regard to the whole Province will be released; and

(c) Government have not yet drawn up an programme of the districts to be taken up for nationalisation each year.

(d) in view of the recent High Court ruling that the Government direction to the Road Traffic Boards to issue temporary permits is irregular, what steps the Government propose to take to remedy the irregularity?

(d) It is proposed to enact necessary legislation. The Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1948, published in an extraordinary issue of the Fort St. George Gazettee dated 30th January, 1948, provides for validation of all orders issued by the Provincial Government, the Provincial Road Transport Authority or a Regional Transport Authority on or after 2nd September, 1946, directing that permits should be granted or renewed under the M.V. Act, except for temporary periods and of all temporary permits issued in pursuance of such orders.

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The Legislative Assembly Question at p. 1 c.f. was anwered by the late Hon. Mr. Daniel Thomas in the Assembly on 13th March 1948 - c.p. printed proceedings ~~on pp- 9. 14- c.f.~~ - The following are the more important supplementary questions and the answers thereto.

Q. Whether, in purchasing the transport vehicles, the Government intended to call for tenders or whether they would purchase them in the open market.

A. Hon'ble Minister wanted notice to answer the question.

Q. Whether when calling for tenders the Government imposed a condition that those who supplied chasses should also undertake body building work, etc.

A. Hon'ble Minister wanted notice.

Q *Q. Whether the bus service on the Salem - Shevario hills ghat road would be taken over.

A. The question would be taken up in April 1948 when the Madras city scheme was expected to be completed.*

Q. Whether, in view of nationalisation of motor transport, the Government would consider the desirability of having all the ~~er~~ roads in the Province tarred or cemented.

A. The question should properly be addressed to Hon'ble Minister (Public Works).

Q. Whether, until nationalisation was completed the Government would grant permits to co-operative societies of workers to run bus services.

A. Applications for permits from competent bodies of persons would be considered.

Q. Whether the Government would consider the desirability of reducing the period of nationalisation in the mufassal from five years to two years.

A. Hon'ble Minister (Pro) explained at length why Government decided to complete nationalisation ~~for~~ five years.

%Q.-~~Wheth~~ Why Government did not manufacture buses themselves and if they could not, why they did not purchase buses direct from the manufacturers instead of through the agents.

A. Buses could not be manufactured by Government. The question of purchase of buses depended on their availability with the dealer or distributor for immediate use. As far as possible Government would ensure that buses were purchased direct from the distributor and not from the dealer so as to avoid payment of commission~~er~~ to the dealer. % B

Q. Whether employees of private operators would be obsorbed in Government Transport.

A. So far as the Government Bus Service in Madras City was concerned the Government had undertaken to absorb as many employees of private operators as possible.

2. With reference to M on p. 1 ante it may be mentioned that the Government have since decided to postpone for the presen the extension of the nationalisation scheme to the mufassal.

B above: The Government have since established a coach-building factory at Chrompet.

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3. No action is called for with reference to the supplementary questions and answers referred to on pp 1-2- above. The pp. may be recorded in a M.S. G.O. to facilitate future reference.

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